

(c) Every year DGMS has been identifying certain mines as accident prone.

(d) Not applicable in view of reply to part (c) of the question above.

(e) No mines have been closed by DGMS. However, the following eleven mining districts of the following mines of Coal India Ltd. have been temporarily closed by DGMS due to various safety deficiencies.

Company	Mine	District
ECL	Madhujore	J.K. Unit
BCCL	Kooridih	No. III Seam Incline
	Katras Choitudih	X Seam
	Loyabad	Panel H1 of X Seam
	Mudidih	VII Seam through 7 & 8 incline
	Kusunda	PK (1) PIT, Combined Seam, Middle section (Development)
	Godhur	VI Seam, Development Through 30 incline
	5/6 PIT KB	X Seam Depillaring Panel
	Alkusa	IX Seam Development
	Lodna	7 PIT X Seam
	Bhowrah (N)	16 A incline—Depillari with Stowing District

#### Supply of coal to Gujarat Electricity Board

2708. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) had demanded supply of coal from Korea-Rewa coalfield;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of meetings have been held to solve this problem whether farmer of Gujarat can get cheaper power; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Coal India is not allowing to import the coal to GEB and not supplying the good quality of coal from Korea-Rewa coalfield?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) On the basis of demand made by Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB), the Standing Linkage Committee, which is an inter-ministerial body comprising Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Power utilities and the Railways, has been making quarterly allocation of coal based on availability and transport feasibility etc. During the months of January and February in the current quarter, the despatch of coal to GEB has been to the extent of 106% of the linked quantity from Korea Rewa Coalfield of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL).

(c) No, Sir. Coal import is under Open General Licence (OGL). Any consumer, including GEB, is free to import coal.

**Increase in the price of coal**

†2709. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average 13 per cent per annum increase has taken place in the prices of coal for the last 18 years;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that inspite of effecting increase in the prices of coal the net annual profit of Coal India Limited has been coming down; and

(d) if not, the assessment with regard to growth rate of annual profit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The average price of Run of Mines (ROM) coal in 1983-84 and 2000-01 are as follows:—

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